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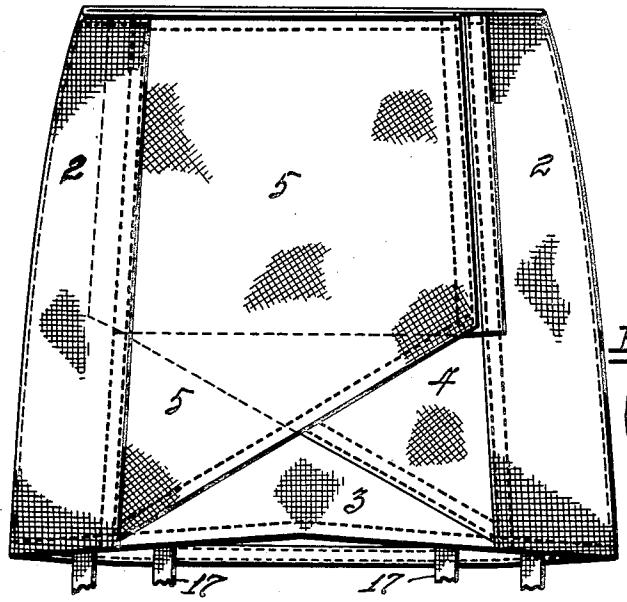


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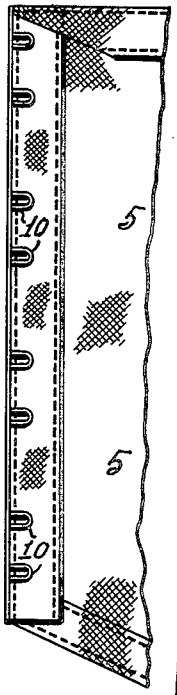


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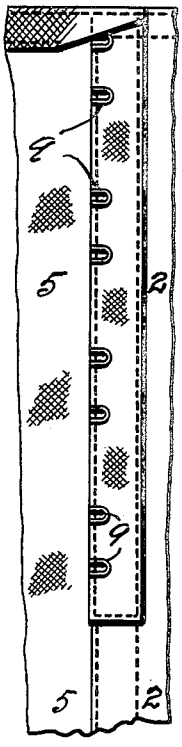


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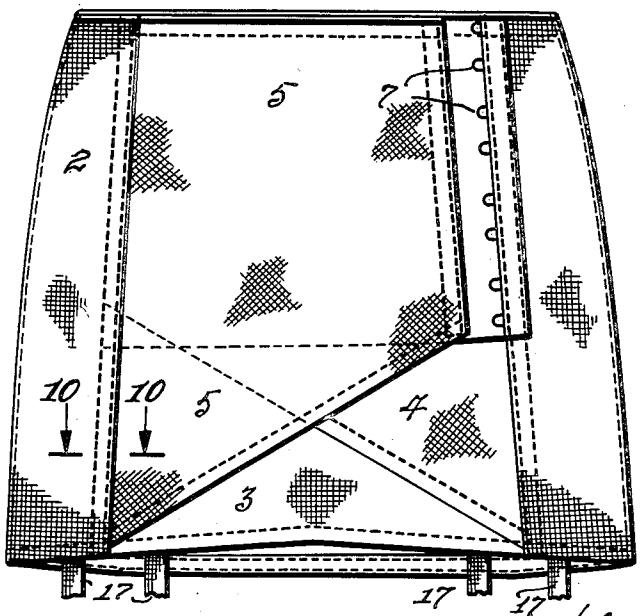
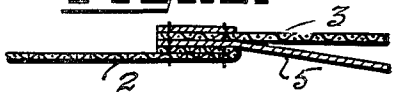


FIG. 10.



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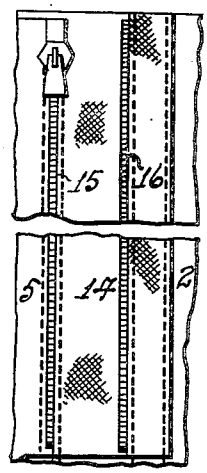


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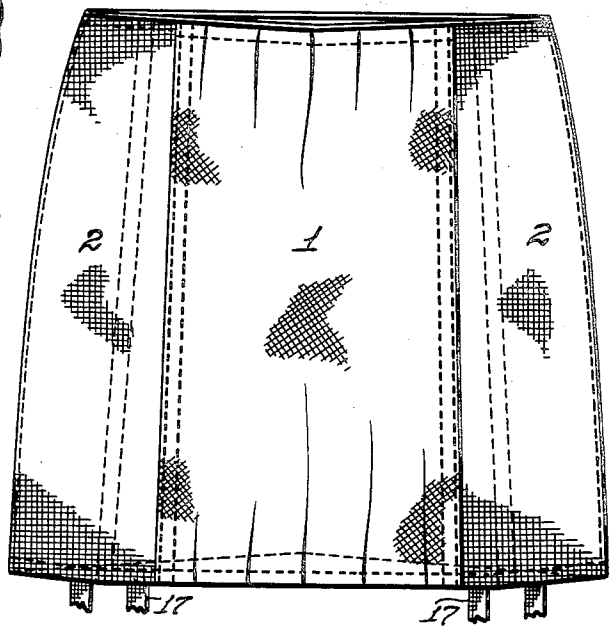


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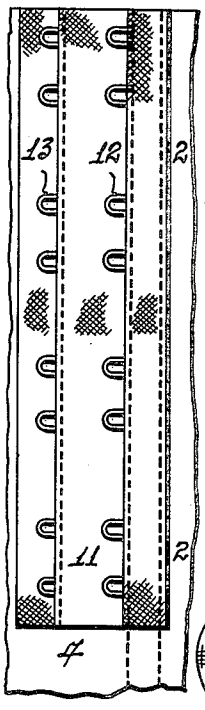


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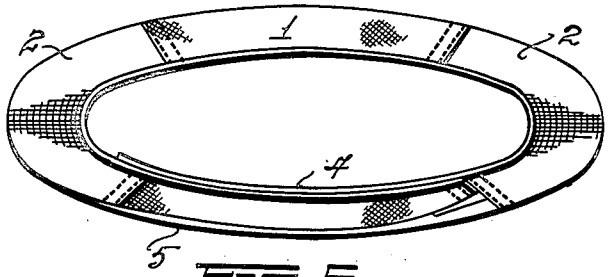


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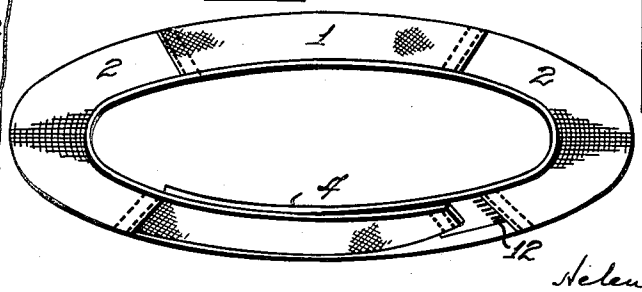
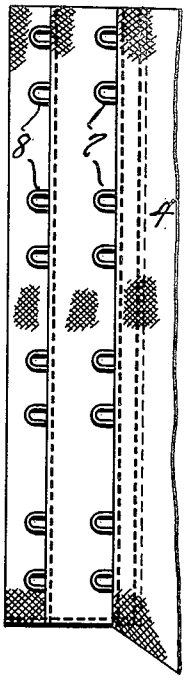


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The object of the present invention is to provide a girdle having special features for confining and supporting the abdominal area of the wearer, which will afford supporting control at the front, sides and rear areas of the wearer. The characteristic of the girdle is the provision of an elastic band at the front of the garment in association with two overlapping and adjustable flaps, the arrangement being such that normally the elastic band will lie in stretched and supporting relation to the wearer, and at and above the same the overlapping flaps will provide a support which can be increased or decreased in effect by the adjustment. It is preferred that at the sides of the front elastic band and the overlapping flaps, side panels of elastic material be provided for closely conforming to the hip areas of the wearer.

The invention will be described with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which:

Fig. 1 is a front view in elevation showing the garment in position for use with one adjustment of the overlapping flap;

Fig. 2 is a view similar to that of Fig. 1 showing the adjustment for increased girth of the garment;

Fig. 3 is a rear elevation of the garment;

Fig. 4 is a top plan view showing the garment in its adjustment of Fig. 1;

Fig. 5 is a top plan view of the garment in its adjustment of Fig. 2;

Fig. 6 is a view in plan showing the eye-carrying strip which lies over the inner flap at its point of attachment to the adjacent elastic hip panel;

Fig. 7 is a detail view in plan illustrating the eye-carrying outer marginal formation of the inner flap;

Fig. 8 is a view in plan showing the hook-carrying strip and its connection with the free margin of the outer flap;

Fig. 9 is a view in plan showing the hook-carrying strip which lies at the line of connection between the outer flap and the second elastic hip panel;

Fig. 10 is a transverse section on the line 10—10 of Fig. 2; and

Fig. 11 is an illustration of a modification of the garment herein wherein the fastener is of the "slide fastener" type.

Referring to the drawings, I have shown a garment constructed with a back panel (Fig. 3) seamed at each side to an elastic side panel 2. At the front of the garment, and lowermost, is an elastic band 3 seamed at its outer margin to the side panels 2.

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Facing the front of the garment, at the right, is a flap 4 seamed to the right-hand side panel 2. Flap 4 preferably is formed with a diagonally extending base line so that it exposes a lower area of elastic band 3. Associated with flap 4 is a second flap 5, of like construction, and which is adapted to overlie flap 4.

As shown in Fig. 7, the free margin of flap 4 is provided with two vertical rows of eye fastening devices, the first row being indicated at 7 and the second row at 8. When the said free end of flap 4 is in position upon the wearer, the rows of eye members will lie adjacent hook members arranged in a row at the inner face of the garment at about the line of connection between flap 5 and the associated side panel 2. The said row of hooks is indicated at 9, Fig. 9.

When the garment is placed on the wearer, the hooks 9 may be placed in the eyes 8, or the garment may be tightened upon the wearer by placing the hooks 9 in the eyes 7.

The free end of the flap 5 is at its inner face provided with a row of hooks 10 which are adapted to enter either one of two rows of eyes carried at or adjacent to the line of seam between flap 4 and its associated side panel. Preferably, the said eyes are carried by a fabric member 11, and the rows of eyes are indicated at 12 and 13. Thus, when the inner flap 4 is held in adjusted position, flap 5 may be swung over in front of it and hooks 10 placed in the appropriate row of eyes.

As indicated in Fig. 11, the hook and eye fasteners may be substituted by slide fasteners. In that figure, flap 5 is shown as adapted to be connected to a piece of fabric 14 seamed to the appropriate side panel 2, and having slide fastener elements at 15 and 16.

Shorter straps 17 may be carried by the front elastic band 3 and by the side panels 2.

It will be understood that various modifications may be made in the form and arrangement of the elements forming the garment illustrated in the drawing without departure from the spirit of the invention.

Having described my invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is as follows:

A girdle consisting of a back fabric panel; a left hip elastic panel having a front vertical edge; a right hip elastic panel having a front vertical edge; a front elastic panel permanently connected to the lowermost substantially half portion of said hip panels; a first innermost front flap having a diagonal base, a freely movable shortened vertical edge and an elongated secured

vertical edge permanently secured to the front vertical edge of said right hip panel; a second outermost front flap having a diagonal base, a freely movable shortened vertical edge, and an elongated secured vertical edge permanently secured to the front vertical edge of the left hip panel and adapted to be disposed over said first innermost flap, said outermost flap being provided at its freely movable shortened vertical edge with a row of hooks; a first fabric piece having a plurality of rows of metallic eyes secured to the uppermost half of the garment to the front vertical edge of the right hip panel and partly overlying the vertical elongated secured edge of said innermost front flap, said row of hooks of said outermost flap being adapted to engage at least one of the rows of said eyes on said first fabric piece; a second fabric piece having a row of hooks, secured to the front vertical edge of said left hip panel; and a third fabric

piece having a plurality of rows of eyes, said third fabric piece being secured to the freely movable vertical shortened edge of the innermost flap, whereby engagement of said hooks may be selectively fastened to their corresponding eyes.

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